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OF THE

# TOWN OF STRATHAM *Town Report*

FOR THE

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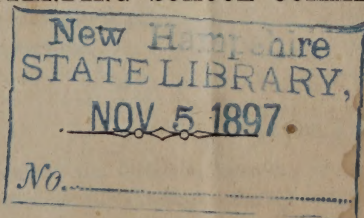
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ALSO, THE

## REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE. *red*



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TOWN OF STRATHAM

REPORT

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL OFFICER



# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## TOWN OF STRATHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1867.

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### ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR JOHN W. WIGGIN.

Amount of Tax committed to him for collection, \$7,067 34

#### COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid County tax,	\$821 37
Selectmen in cash,	6,021 24
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	31 64
Abatement of Taxes,	41 83
Three per cent. discount,	98 26
Collector's services,	53 00
	<hr/> \$7,067 34

STRATHAM, February 28, 1867.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector John W. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched and balanced,

HENRY P. WINGATE, }  
P. MERRILL, } Auditors.

## MONEY RECEIVED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Received of the Selectmen of 1866, of money found in their hands by the Auditors,	\$1,880 00
Of the State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	337 00
“ “ “ Savings bank tax,	172 30
“ “ “ Literary fund,	28 80
“ “ “ State aid,	198 98
“ County for support of County poor,	1,002 09
Money hired since March 1, 1866,	3,425 00
Of Addison Wiggin, Surveyor of highways,	6 00
Collector J. W. Wiggin, in cash,	6,021 24
State Treasurer, U. S. Bounties,	1,000 00
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	\$14,072 24

## SELECTMEN'S DISCHARGE.—OUTSTANDING DEMANDS.

Paid John W. Wiggin, services in 1863,	\$3 37
J. C. Buzell on notes,	867 00
R. Scammon on money for use of town,	52 85
D. W. Hatch, care of Jackson Hall,	2 00
L. G. Otis on note,	65 03
William H. Jewell note in full,	118 50
E. C. Foss interest on note,	4 50
Stephen Scammon for damage to sheep by dogs,	80 00
J. H. Jones on note,	40 00
De Witt C. Jewell interest on note,	9 23
Phebe French note in full,	1,254 64
“ “ “ “	542 36
“ “ “ “	322 77
D. W. Gorham interest on note,	90 00
Ezra Barker “ “	30 00
Interest on notes held against the town,	96 00
De Witt C. Jewell interest on note,	6 00
L. G. Otis on note,	44 03
John M. Tukesbury note in full,	1,103 80

Paid E. R. Thompson interest on note,	18 00
Ellen C. Foss interest on note,	7 50
Charles Holt on note,	100 00
“ “ for the benefit of town farm,	50 00
Leonard Lang interest on note,	15 00
J. L. Jewell “ “	9 00
Julia Foss “ “	6 00
R. Scammon note in full,	163 77
J. S. Barker “ “	545 90
Otis B. French interest on note,	21 00
George E. Lane for stationery,	51
David W. Gorham interest on note,	90 00
R. Scammon, note of Lydia Clough in full,	325 95
S. C. Buzell interest on notes,	420 00
R. Scammon, services after auditing and services unpaid for auditing March 1, 1866,	12 19
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	\$6,573 90

#### SUNDRY EXPENSES.

Paid Josiah B. Wiggin for guide post,	\$1 00
J. O. Randall, gravel for highway,	150 00
J. S. Staples for postage,	2 44
“ “ “ recording,	3 08
C. Holt, benefit of the town farm,	100 00
S. Hall, printing town accounts,	25 00
P. Merrill, services after auditing,	5 50
George E. Lane for books,	3 40
Town of Brentwood, support of Joseph Kelley,	55 75
Charles Holt, benefit of town farm,	50 00
J. M. Lovering for Stamps,	1 00
C. Holt, benefit of town farm,	30 00
Town of Brentwood, support of J. Kelley,	5 13
J. S. Staples for stamps,	90
Town farm tax in Exeter,	24 36
George E. Lane, revenue stamps,	1 00



Paid Joseph S. Parsons, certificate of record,	50
Mark Roberts interest on notes,	36 00
Benjamin H. Jewett interest on notes,	99 44
Lawrence G. Otis on note,	50 00
Asa E. Jewell, note in full,	148 52
For advertising wood lot,	75
George E. Lane, revenue stamps,	50
B. F. Clark, services as Justice,	2 50
C. D. Towle, services as auctioneer, and Govern- ment tax,	6 44
State Treasurer State tax,	2,722 50
Henry P. Wingate, abatement,	85
Joseph S. Staples, services and expenses,	19 10
Noah P. Wiggin for damage to plough,	6 00
Samuel C. Dixon, abatement,	2 82
M. F. Young, abatement,	5 60
Samuel R. Piper, abatement of poll tax, 1865,	4 56
Henry H. Staples, abatement,	1 59
George H. Odell, physician's bill,	75 00
Mark Roberts, abatement loss of dog, 1863,	1 00
Nathan E. Norton for watering trough,	3 00
James M. Moulton, abatement,	5 60
G. C. Brown for gravel,	1 50
J. W. Rollins, abatement, loss of house,	13 81
B. D. Leighton's bill of non-resident highway tax of 1864,	3 34
Nathaniel Wiggin's bill for do., do.,	3 90
John L. Jewell, bridge plank,	4 68
R. Scammon as Treasurer, and Selectmen's expenses,	15 50
P. Merrill, services as auditor,	2 00
H. P. Wingate, " "	2 00
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	\$3,549 06

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John Murphy breaking roads	\$2 41
Otis B. French " " "	27 75

Paid Benj. S. Jenness	" " " "	33 00
B. L. Jones, for plank and gravel for highway		4 00
" " " for breaking roads		22 51
John Smart	" " " "	26 38
" " " " District No. 2		3 00
" " repairs on bridge		2 00
Addison Wiggin, breaking roads		18 00
Charles Holt,	" " " "	25 49
Asa E. Jewell,	" " " "	46 25
Charles Kelley,	" " " "	20 62
J. J. Lape,	" " " "	34 93
Elisha Chase,	" " " "	31 93
R. Scammon,	" " " "	18 87
B. D. Leighton	" " " "	43 88
Nathaniel Wiggin,	" " " "	41 10
Daniel Wiggin,	" " " "	21 37
		<hr/> \$423 49

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### SCHOOLS.

Paid C. N. Healey, for benefit of School District No. 1.		\$90 00
John Smart, " " " " " " " "	1.	85 00
James B. Wiggin, for benefit of " " " " " "	2.	175 00
Joseph H. Leavitt, " " " " " " " "	3.	175 00
J. H. Rundlett " " " " " " " "	4.	175 00
		<hr/> \$700 00

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### PRUDENTIAL AND SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE'S SERVICES.

Paid W. G. Brown, services as Superintending Committee,	\$12	00
John Smart, services as Prudential Committee, No. 1.	1	50
James B. Wiggin, services as " " " " " "	2.	3 00
James H. Rundlett, " " " " " "	4.	3 00
	—7	50

## REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid C. N. Healey repairs on School-house, No. 1.	\$88 62
J. Smart, " " " " 1.	40
J. B. Wiggin, " " " " 2.	9 25
Jos. H. Leavitt, " " " " 3.	11 12
Jas. H. Rundlett " " " " 4.	41 47
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	\$150 86

## STATE AID.

Paid in State aid to families	\$56 00
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## COUNTY POOR.

Paid in expenses for County Poor not at the Farm,	\$312 81
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1866	<i>Town of Stratham, to Richard Scammon,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
March 18.	To going to Farm and paying bills	50
27.	To attending jury meeting	50
April 7.	" getting vouchers on war expenses	75
9.	" " " and making account of expenses of the town to furnish Soldiers for the army	1 75
10.	To making State aid County bills	1 25
11.	" getting evidence to get a man on the County	2 00
11.	" settling with County	50
12.	" going to Concord to prove the claims of the town,	5 50
13.	" half day at Cram lot, and evening at Farm	1 50
18.	" two days making assessment	3 00
May 19.	" examine wood lot	50
	" making and recording taxes	7 00
July 10.	" paying notes against the town,	50
Oct. 1.	" going to Newton to pay note, East-Kingston and Kensington for certificates	2 50



Oct.	17.	To going to Exeter to get certificate of Clerk	50
		“ going to E. Chase and B. F. Clark’s	30
		“ to preparing & settling county bill at Portsmouth	3 00
		“ hiring money for the town	50
Nov.	30.	“ appointment of Superintending School Committee	25
Dec.	4.	“ one day at Farm on wood lot,	1 50
	6.	“ going to town Farm to show wood lot,	50
	19.	“ appointment of Prud. School Com. District No. 1.	25
	20.	“ attending sale of wood lot at Farm,	75
	31.	“ revising Jury box, or list of Jurors	50

1867

Feb.	1.	“ getting affidavit and settling bills	1 00
	11.	“ attending Jury meeting	25
	18.	“ going to Concord for the town,	5 00
	19.	“ getting expense, and preparing county bill,	1 00
	20.	“ settling with County and paying bills,	1 50
	23.	“ making check lists and warrants,	2 00
	25.	“ an evening session,	75
	26.	“ day and evening at the Farm	1 75
	28.	“ Exeter to pay interest on notes,	50
		“ day and evening auditing accounts,	1 75
		“ recording receipts	2 00

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\$53 30

Received Payment,

R. SCAMMON.

Stratham, Feb. 28, 1867.

1866.		<i>Town of Stratham to Elisha Chase,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
March	27.	To attending jury meeting,	\$0 50
April	2 & 3.	Taking inventory,	3 50
	4.	One half day at Cram lot, and evening session,	1 62
	5, 6, 7 & 9.	Taking inventory,	7 00
	11.	To B. F. Clark,	50
	17 & 18.	Making assessments,	3 00

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April	29.	To Town Farm,	50
May	7.	Evening session,	50
	8 & 10.	Appointing Surveyors and distributing books,	2 50
	19.	To town Farm to examine wood lot damaged by fire,	50
	29.	To B. F. Clark,	50
June	11.	Evening session,	50
Sept.	24.	Town Farm,	50
Nov.	30.	One day at [P. Merrill's and other places on town business,	2 00
Dec.	4.	Town Farm one day,	1 50
	13.	Richard Scammon,	50
	15.	At Richard Scammon's, Exeter and other places,	1 25
	15.	To John Smart's and Joseph Staples,	62
	20.	Town Farm and Exeter,	75
	28.	Richard Scammon,	25
	31.	Attending jury meeting,	50
1867.			
Jan.	18.	To Richard Scammon,	25
Feb.	21.	Richard Scammon,	50
	25.	One evening in session,	75
	26.	One day at Town Farm,	1,50
	28.	One day and evening, auditing accounts,	1 75

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 \$33 74

Received Payment,

ELISHA CHASE.

February, 28, 1867.

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*Town of Stratham to John Smart,*

1866.			Dr.
March	20.	To attending jury meeting,	\$ 50
April	2, 3, 4, 6 & 7.	Five days taking inventory,	10 00
	7.	One half day at the Cram lot,	1 00
	7.	One evening in session,	50

May	10 & 11. Two days making assessments,	3 00
	7. One evening in session,	75
July	18. Richard Scammon, on town business,	75
Oct.	8. Attending jury meeting,	50
Nov.	13. Attending " " "	50
	30. One day on town business,	2 00
Dec.	4. One day at town farm,	2 00
	31. Revising jury box,	50
1867.		
Jan.	30. To Richard Scammon, on town business,	50
Feb.	11. Attending jury meeting,	50
	23. R. Scammon and E. Chase,	50
	25. One evening in session,	50
	26. One day and evening in session,	1 50
	28. One day and evening " "	1 50
	Assisting transient poor,	1 75
	Other services during the year,	10 00
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		\$39 75

Received Payment,

JOHN SMART.

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### RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding demands,	\$6,573 90
Sundry expenses,	3,549 06
Highways and Bridges,	423 49
Superintending Committee,	12 00
Prudential Committees,	7 50
Schools,	700 00
Repairs on Schoolhouses,	150 86
State aid to Families,	48 00
County Poor,	312 81
Selectmen's bills,	126 79
Cash in the Selectmen's hands,	2,167 83
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Total,	\$14,072 24



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

STRATHAM, Feb. 28, 1867.

This day examined the foregoing accounts, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and vouched, a balance of twenty-one hundred sixty-seven dollars and eighty-three cents in their hands.

P. MERRILL, }  
H. P. WINGATE, } *Auditors.*

## INDEBTEDNESS.

Notes are held against the town amounting,  
February 28, 1867, to \$25,433 80

## MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in Selectmen's hands,	\$2,167 83
Amount of note for wood lot,	580 75
Due on claims not yet allowed, doubtful,	2,400 00
	<hr/> \$5,148 58
Amount of town debt,	<hr/> 20,285 22

## TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Town debt, March 1, 1865,	\$24,310 96
“ “ “ “ 1, 1866,	22,190 46
“ “ “ February 28, 1867,	30,285 22
“ of Town debt paid, is	<hr/> \$1,905 24

## TOWN FARM.

Expenditures,	\$1,294 39	
Superintendent and help,	277 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,571 39
General receipts,	\$1,147 86	
Timber sold from Farm,	87 53	
Lumber on hand,	86 67	
Wood furnished sundry persons,	58 90	
Rec'd of County for Co. Poor at Farm,	354 46	
Due the town, timber sold at auction,	575 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,310 42
Balance in favor of the farm,		<hr/> \$738 83

# REPORT

OF THE

## Superintending School Committee

OF

### STRATHAM.

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#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

There was a Summer school; but as the teacher neither applied to the Committee for a certificate or made any return to him of a School Register, no proper report can be made.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

JAMES B. WIGGIN, *Prudential Committee.*

Teacher, Summer Term, Miss ELLEN M. TUCKER. No more need be said of Miss Tucker as a teacher, than that she taught the same school in an intelligent neighborhood twenty-three months, and her last term of school was the best. She easily secures the control of her pupils and does it so gently and yet energetically that all love her. No whispering allowed during the Summer term.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

JOSEPH H. LEAVITT, *Prudential Committee.*

The Summer Term was taught again by Miss CARRIE L. PIPER. The first two weeks of this school was of doubtful success. The teacher, encouraged by advice, gained and secured [the entire control of her pupils. Quiet and order being restored, and all whispering stopped by an expressed vote of the school, success was certain,

and Miss Piper proved herself worthy of the reputation secured by the report of last year. Any district may consider itself fortunate to secure the services of so thorough, energetic and faithful teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

J. H. RUNDLETT, *Prudential Committee.*

The Summer and Winter Terms of this school were taught by the same teacher, Miss MARY W. C. DEARBORN. Miss Dearborn is proving herself to be a decidedly good disciplinarian, as well as a careful and critical teacher. The No. of scholars in this district is very limited, and yet the pupils attending constantly upon her instruction, both Summer and Winter, did make most decided improvement. It would be well for Miss Dearborn to seek for a larger school.

The above is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS GOODRICH,

*Superintending School Committee.*

Stratham, Feb. 28, 1867.

Near the opening of the Winter terms the Committee resigned.

#### TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Districts	1.	2.	3.	4.	TOTAL.
Length of Summer Term in weeks,	-	12	13	15	40
No. of Scholars in Summer, - - -	-	41	28	11	80
Average Attendance in Summer, -	-	32	22	8	52
Wages of Female Teachers per mo., including board, - - - - -	-	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$17.50	\$61.50
No. of visits by Superintending Sch. Committee, Summer Term, - - -	-	5	4	3	12



# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

### STRATHAM,

FOR THE

#### WINTER SCHOOLS OF 1866 & 1867.

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#### DISTRICT No. 1.

MR. JOHN SMART, *Prudential Committee.*

Taught by Mr. EBEN H. DALTON. Length of School 8 4-5 weeks.  
 Whole number of Scholars, . . . . . 41  
 Average " " . . . . . 32

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

MR. JAMES B. WIGGIN, *Prudential Committee.*

Taught by Miss ANNIE J. CHASE. Length of School, 12 weeks.  
 Whole number of Scholars, . . . . . 44  
 Average " " . . . . . 35

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

MR. JOSEPH LEAVITT, *Prudential Committee.*

Taught by Mr. JONATHAN ROLLINS. Length of School, 9 weeks.  
 Whole number of Scholars, . . . . . 30  
 Average " " . . . . . 26

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

MR. J. C. RUNDLETT, *Prudential Committee.*

Taught by Miss MARY W. C. DEARBORN. Length of School, 11 weeks.

Whole number of Scholars, . . . . . 19

Average " " . . . . . 12

## TEXT BOOKS.

Sargent's Readers and Spellers; Greenleaf's Arithmetic and Algebra; Colburn's Arithmetic; Colton & Fitch's and Cornell's Geographies; Welds', Quackenbos', and Town's Grammars.

## STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS,	1	2	3	4	Total.
Wages of Teachers including board, . . . . .	37	29	40	32	138
Amount of income from Literary Fund, . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—
Amount of school money raised by Town, . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—
Whole amount of school money, . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—
Visits by Superintending Committee, . . . . .	2	3	2	—	7
Visits by Prudential Committee, . . . . .	—	—	1	—	1
Visits by citizens and others, . . . . .	12	19	5	4	30

As my report commences and ends with the Winter Schools, I shall speak of them only in general terms.

In my visits to the different schools, I have seen much to commend and would congratulate the Prudential Committees on their good fortune in securing so efficient and faithful teachers.

Believing, as I do, that, in all cases, it has been the aim of the Teachers to advance those under their charge in their studies as much as possible.

Very seldom has such untiring zeal been manifested, and I am pleased to say those efforts have been successful when a like disposition was found in the pupil.

There are five cases reported by the Teachers of scholars who attended the whole term, not having been absent one half day during the school, two in Dist. No. 2, one in Dist. No. 3, two in Dist. No. 4. This is very commendable, and as it should be, when health will permit.

It is the opinion of your committee that the irregular attendance of scholars is one great reason why our schools are not more prosperous. The blame of this must be borne both by parents and children.

We all know how hard it is to get just what pleases us even when we have the whole control of the matter. Now if a Teacher is employed that does not quite come up to our ideas, let us not discourage our children by speaking slightly of the Teacher, thus destroying their relish for school, but rather encourage them as best we may by any assistance we can render them and by frequent visits to the school room. This will be one step in the right direction, and will hasten the time when we shall have better schools throughout the town.

Most respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. BROWN, } Superintending  
School Committee  
of Stratham.

Stratham, Feb. 27, 1867.







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